

ZURICH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 9, 2011.

PN702 NAVY nomination of Gregory A. Pinkley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN703 NAVY nomination of Li Sung, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN704 NAVY nomination of Gregory C. Pedro, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN705 NAVY nomination of Chad W. Gagnon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN706 NAVY nomination of Julie R. Wetmore, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN707 NAVY nomination of Phillip E. Lee, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN708 NAVY nominations (2) beginning PAUL D. HANSON, and ending MICHAEL J. STIGLITZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN709 NAVY nominations (2) beginning CARMEN I. BOIS, and ending BRENT B. HUTSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN710 NAVY nominations (3) beginning CHRISTOPHER A. ASSELTA, and ending ERNST K. WALGE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN711 NAVY nominations (3) beginning REBECCA L. DUNAVENT, and ending CHRISTINE C. RIVERA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN712 NAVY nominations (11) beginning HEATHER C. BEASLEY, and ending RUSSELL J. VERBY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN713 NAVY nominations (8) beginning KEVIN J. BARTOL, and ending BRUCE J. WEIDNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

PN714 NAVY nominations (12) beginning SHANE A. BOWEN, and ending WARREN D. WOLLIN, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2011.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I express my appreciation to Senator SANDERS and Senator LEAHY, my longtime friend, former employee in the Department of Justice Ron Wyche, and the Attorney General and others for working to help us get through this stalemate in which we were involved.

#### NOMINATION OF DAVID S. COHEN

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I support the confirmation of David S. Cohen to be Undersecretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Crimes. Mr. Cohen previously served as the Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, and has previously served in the Department of the Treasury's General Counsel's Office. His strong record of service is commendable and his expertise will serve him well in this new role.

Mr. Cohen's nomination has been carefully considered by the Committee

on Finance and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, both of which favorably reported the nomination of Mr. Cohen to the full Senate.

The Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction over some of the crimes that Mr. Cohen will fight in his new role at the Department, both at the international and domestic level. I appreciate Mr. Cohen's commitment to me that he will make himself available to the Committee on the Judiciary for hearings and activities within the committee's legislative and oversight jurisdiction that overlap with the Undersecretary's responsibilities. As the committee considers terrorism financing, material support for terrorism, and money laundering, among other topics, I look forward to working with Mr. Cohen.

#### NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from the following nominations: PN 678 Public Health Service nominations beginning with Mary J.W. Choi and ending with Christopher P. Morris; that the nominations be placed on the Executive Calendar; the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that there be no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

*To be surgeon*

Mary J. W. Choi

*To be dental officer*

Brooks B. Horan

*To be senior assistant dental officer*

Ethan F. Higson

*To be assistant dental officer*

Tiara L. Applequist

Timothy B. House

Cara B. Schriener

Lauren B. Sims

Meredith A. Snyder

*To be nurse officer*

Patina S. Walton-Geer

*To be assistant nurse officer*

Michelle A. Krayner

Heidi M. Sabol

*To be junior assistant nurse officer*

Kenia P. Altamirano

Shannon C. Best

Rebecca M. Kibel

Timothy N. Onserio

Herbert P. Partsch

Justin R. Plott

Brandy Torres

*To be junior assistant health services officer*

Jaren T. Meldrum

Christopher P. Morris

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Environment

and Public Works Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations:

PN341, MG Michael J. Walsh, U.S. Army, to be a member and President of the Mississippi River Commission; PN342, RADM Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission; that the nominations be placed on the Executive Calendar; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNER). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

Major General Michael J. Walsh, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

#### EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that morning business be extended for another hour, for debate only, and that Senators be allowed to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 79; that the nomination be confirmed; that any statement related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD, that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Daniel M. Ashe, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 165, and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 165) designating July 23, 2011, as National Day of the American Cowboy.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 165) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

##### S. RES. 165

Whereas pioneering men and women, recognized as “cowboys”, helped establish the American West;

Whereas the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism;

Whereas the cowboy spirit exemplifies strength of character, sound family values, and good common sense;

Whereas the cowboy archetype transcends ethnicity, gender, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations;

Whereas the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures, who lives off the land and works to protect and enhance the environment;

Whereas cowboy traditions have been a part of the culture of the United States for generations;

Whereas the cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy through the work of many thousands of ranchers across the Nation who contribute to the economic well-being of every State;

Whereas millions of fans watch professional and working ranch rodeo events annually, and rodeo is one of the most-watched sports in the Nation;

Whereas membership and participation in rodeo and other organizations that promote and encompass the livelihood of cowboys span every generation and transcend race and gender;

Whereas the cowboy is a central figure in literature, film, and music and occupies a central place in the public imagination;

Whereas the cowboy is an icon in the United States; and

Whereas the ongoing contributions made by cowboys and cowgirls to their commu-

nities should be recognized and encouraged: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 23, 2011, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

#### HONORING ADMIRAL THAD ALLEN, U.S. COAST GUARD, RETIRED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 170, and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The resolution (S. Res. 170) honoring Admiral Thad Allen of the United States Coast Guard (Ret.) for his lifetime of selfless commitment and exemplary service to the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 170) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

##### S. RES. 170

Whereas Admiral Thad Allen, the 23rd Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, retired from the Coast Guard on June 30, 2010, after 39 distinguished years of service;

Whereas Admiral Allen graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1971 and served in a number of capacities, including serving as the Principal Federal Official for response and recovery operation for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Coast Guard Chief of Staff, and most recently as National Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon Disaster in the Gulf of Mexico;

Whereas Admiral Allen commanded with distinction the foremost Coast Guard in the world from 2006 to 2010 and has embodied the Coast Guard’s enduring values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty;

Whereas Admiral Allen, during his tenure as Commandant, focused the Coast Guard on modernization and improved readiness in responding to natural disasters;

Whereas Admiral Allen, during his tenure as Commandant, worked to ensure the safety of professional mariners and millions of recreational and commercial vessels, facilitate commerce, protect the ports and maritime infrastructure of the United States from terrorism, conduct humanitarian operations, protect our marine environment, secure United States borders, combat drug trafficking, support anti-piracy efforts, and support Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas Admiral Allen demonstrated the vision and transformational leadership that will provide the United States with a Coast Guard that is not only capable of meeting and exceeding the ever-changing maritime challenges of the United States, but also able

to better anticipate future challenges and missions;

Whereas Admiral Allen provided steady leadership in times of crisis;

Whereas as Dwight Eisenhower, the 34th President of the United States once said, “The qualities of a great man are vision, integrity, courage, understanding, the power of articulation, and profundity of character”; and

Whereas as we bid fair winds and following seas to Admiral Allen, it is appropriate that he be remembered as exemplifying such trademark characteristics exhibited by great leaders: Now therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(a) recognizes and honors Admiral Thad Allen of the United States Coast Guard (retired), on behalf of a grateful Nation, for his lifetime of selfless commitment and exemplary service; and

(b) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Admiral Thad Allen.

#### CONGRATULATING THE SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 224.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The resolution (S. Res. 224) congratulating the Soil Science Society of America on its 75th anniversary.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 224) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

##### S. RES. 224

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America was founded on November 18, 1936;

Whereas Richard Bradfield served as the first President of the Soil Science Society of America;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America was established during the dust bowl era, a time of extreme soil degradation;

Whereas since the dust bowl era, the Soil Science Society of America has continued to provide an understanding of the sustainable use of soil and the role soil plays in society;

Whereas soil is an essential natural resource, and soil professionals serve a critical role in managing that resource;

Whereas the core purpose of the Soil Science Society of America is to advance soils as fundamental to life;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America is 1 of the premier scientific societies and is comprised of more than 6,000 members in the United States and internationally, including scientists, practicing professionals, and students;

Whereas soil is a dynamic system that performs many functions and services vital to human activities and ecosystems;

Whereas soil, plant, animal, and human health are intricately linked, and the sustainable use of soil affects climate, water,